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For: Method for Pre-treating Lignocellulose Fiber-Containing Material for the Pulp Making Process

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Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- A small entity statement was previously submitted in this application.
 A small entity statement is enclosed.
 A filing fee for extra claims does not appear required.
 A filing fee for extra claims is calculated below:

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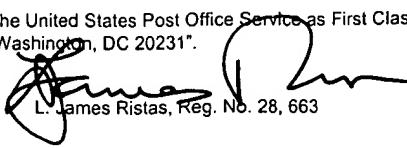
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